

Canadian Artist Collection Features Local Painter

By Kate Gilderdale
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Stouffville resident Josie Schwarzli is one of 10 acclaimed painters whose work has been selected for a new Canadian jigsaw puzzle series.

A representative from Danawares Corp. in Montreal, who manufacture the puzzles, saw her painting, *Before The Storm*, at the Wellington Gallery in Aurora, said Josie. "They were going to branch out from children's puzzles to adult puzzles, and they decided the series would be called the Canadian Artist Collection."

The representative explained that the company wanted to feature a wide variety of paintings by living artists across Canada. Josie's beautiful work depicts a pastoral scene in Nobleton in late October, with a lone cow standing in a vast field under a lowering sky. "The series was launched at the Toy and Gift trade show at the Toronto Convention Centre at the end of February," she said.

Pat Montgomery, of Candlelight and Memories on Main St., is the first area retailer to stock the series and Josie will be happy to sign boxes for customers on request. Among other artists in the series



Pat Montgomery and Josie Schwarzli display the Canadian Artist Collection of jigsaw puzzles at Candlelight and Memories. Josie's painting, *Before The Storm*, is one of 10 paintings featured in the series.

are Ken Danby, whose evocative hockey paintings have made him a Canadian icon; Ojibway artist Kris Nahrgang, in collaboration with Debi Fitzgerald; and Kathy Hagerman, whose art is inspired by her family, golden retrievers and the beauty of the rural landscape.

Each puzzle comprises 1,000 pieces and promises both an invigorating challenge and a fine art addition to household or cottage.

Celebration of Spring

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Parkview Services for Seniors invites everyone to attend the annual Celebration of Spring at EastRidge Missionary Church on April 27.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a reception, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Beautiful musical entertainment will be supplied by Bach to Blues, whose fascinating and eclectic repertoire spans works from the 16th to the 21st century. Silent and live auctions will encompass everything from local artwork and gift certificates to housewares and fabulous flower arrangements.

Proceeds from the event will go to support Parkview Home and Parkview Village, assisting residents with limited financial means and improving facilities and programs for all residents. Tickets are \$75 each and a charitable receipt will be issued for a portion of the cost.

For more information visit www.parkviewhome.ca or contact Elizabeth O'Brien at 905-640-0714.



... and A Taste of Spring

Stouffville Rotary Club's annual fundraiser attracted a large and appreciative crowd, who enjoyed a sampling of fine wine and beer, along with fabulous food from area restaurants. The event was held March 26 at Sleepy Hollow Country Club. Rendezvous (above) provided some beautiful musical accompaniment.



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